

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

HONORING MAYOR MARIAN
DELEON GUERRERO TUDELA

**HON. GREGORIO KILILI CAMACHO
SABLAN**

OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 12, 2014

Mr. SABLAN. Mr. Speaker, June 8, 2014 marked a pivotal moment in the history of the Northern Mariana Islands, when Marian Deleon Guerrero Tudela was sworn in not only as the first female mayor of Saipan, but the first female mayor of any of our municipalities. Mayor Tudela assumed this position by operation of law upon the untimely death of Mayor Donald Glenn Flores. Though residing at the time in the mainland United States, she honorably agreed to serve her community through the remainder of his term, and returned to Saipan.

With over 21 years in the private sector and over 10 years in government service, Mayor Tudela has a long and rich professional history. And this is not her first time to answer to the people directly. From 1994 to 1998 and from 2006 to 2008, Mayor Tudela was a member of the Saipan and Northern Islands Municipal Council. She has also served on the boards of the Northern Mariana Islands Retirement Fund and the Commonwealth Ports Authority.

As mayor, Ms. Tudela oversees a staff of approximately 40 hard-working members of our community. Her office undertakes programs and projects that range from improving local infrastructure to fostering better relations with our tourism partner countries. For example, each year, the mayor's office sponsors exchange programs among our high school students and students from Japan and Korea. And on any given day, you can find her employees trimming trees to make our beautiful lagoon more visible to tourists traveling on Beach Road, patching potholes on secondary roads or catching stray dogs that roam the streets. Couples intending to wed visit the mayor's office to obtain their marriage license, and those who do not drive but desire identification cards can receive those through her office. The mayor's office also spearheads the annual Liberation Day festivities on Saipan, which celebrates the freeing of our islands from occupying Japanese forces by the American military in 1944.

Mayor Tudela is now one of the highest-ranking female officials ever to hold office in the Northern Mariana Islands. And as such, she serves as a role model and a reminder to all women that they have come of age in our local political arena. But championing women's issues is nothing new to Mayor Tudela. She formerly served as a Governor's Special Assistant for Women's Affairs, and over the years has participated in numerous symposia addressing issues of import to women in the Pacific region.

Marian Deleon Guerrero Tudela's willingness to step into this position so unexpectedly,

serve so unassumingly and carry on the fine tradition not only of her predecessor but of the mayors of all our islands should serve as an inspiration for women, but more, should serve as a model for all people who aspire to serve their communities.

A TRIBUTE TO BRIGADIER
GENERAL JAMES DEREK HILL

HON. TOM LATHAM

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. LATHAM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the retirement of Brigadier General James Derek Hill of the Iowa Air National Guard and to congratulate him on his illustrious 29-year military career.

General Hill began his military service in 1985 upon receiving his commission through Direct Appointment. Eighteen years later, General Hill joined the Iowa Air National Guard as a Lieutenant Colonel and has faithfully devoted the following decade to guiding our state's men and women in uniform. General Hill retired as the Iowa Air National Guard's Deputy Adjutant General where he served as principal advisor to Iowa's Adjutant General while organizing, manning, equipping, and training more than 1,800 airmen to accomplish missions assigned at both the state and national level. General Hill's unflinching leadership has proven to be instrumental in preparing the men and women of the Iowa Air National Guard for numerous successful deployments in an often chaotic and unpredictable environment.

Throughout nearly three decades of selfless service, General Hill has earned numerous decorations for his consistent leadership and uncompromising standards. Most recently, General Hill was nominated by Iowa's Adjutant General Timothy Orr to receive the hallowed Legion of Merit for his "exceptionally meritorious conduct" as Iowa's Assistant Adjutant General over the past four years. I believe it goes without saying that the Iowa Air National Guard's world-renowned 21st century capabilities would not be possible without the positive and professional guidance expertly offered by General Hill over the past decade.

Mr. Speaker, our country owes Brigadier General James Derek Hill a great debt of gratitude for his decades of selfless service and sacrifice. His unwavering commitment to his country and fellow Americans is a testament to our nation's service members and our great state. I know my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives will join me in thanking General Hill and congratulating him on a truly stellar career. In retirement, General Hill leaves behind a grateful state and nation and I wish him, and his wife Rhonda, the very best as they begin a new chapter in their lives.

IN MEMORY OF DEPUTY DANNY
OLIVER

HON. TOM McCLINTOCK

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. McCLINTOCK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today along with Representative AMI BERA, Representative DORIS MATSUI, and Representative DOUG LAMALFA, in honor of the service and sacrifice of Sacramento County, California, Sheriff Deputy Danny Oliver.

Danny Oliver grew up in the Del Paso Heights neighborhood of Sacramento, where he graduated from Grant High School. During his youth, Danny experienced parts of the community that he was determined to improve. This drove his desire to work in law enforcement, even though he came from a family of firefighters.

Danny finished the academy at the top of his class and served with the Sheriff's Department for fifteen years. In keeping with the life-long goal of cleaning up his community, Deputy Oliver worked on a highly competitive team of problem-oriented policing officers.

Tragically, Deputy Oliver was killed in the line of duty on October 24, 2014, during a violent crime spree that would later take the life of another officer, Detective Michael David Davis, Jr. Deputy Oliver died for his love of and devotion to his community.

Danny loved going into his job an hour early every morning, knowing he was putting his life on the line to make a difference in Sacramento County. While his sacrifice is to be honored, this is not his legacy. Rather, Danny's legacy is the memory of the man he lived his life as: a devoted husband to his wife Susan, a father who guided and supported his two children, and a dedicated officer.

Mr. Speaker, Deputy Danny Oliver will be deeply and sorely missed not only by his family, but also by the community that he tirelessly worked to better. The State of California is particularly blessed to have such men of character and heroism protecting our citizens.

Danny was known for influencing his children to do what they love, just as he did. We can all learn from his heart and strength of character. It is my privilege to rise in recognition of his sacrifice and to honor his memory.

TRIBUTE TO ALEXIS HARDRICK—
RECIPIENT OF THE GIRL SCOUT
SILVER AWARD

HON. SCOTT DesJARLAIS

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 12, 2014

Mr. DESJARLAIS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Alexis Hardrick of Girl Scout Cadette Troop #1677, who recently earned the Girl Scout's prestigious Silver Award.

The Silver Award is the highest honor a Girl Scout Cadette can earn and was presented to

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